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REMARKS

The Examiner maintains the rejections of the claims in view of Bromberg. Applicant traverses the rejection as follows.

In reviewing Bromberg, the reference fails to teach evaluating the actions of one member of an organization against the actions of a another member of the same organization. As such, Applicant has amended the claims the further define the scope of the invention.

Furthermore, the four evaluation templates disclosed in Bromberg are common templates which are used for a member (i.e. a person) of an organization to capture, organize, store and present his or her own internal knowledge.

However, in contrast with the reference, the evaluation templates of the invention are different from such templates for a member of an organization to express his or her internal knowledge as disclosed by Bromberg. Specifically, the evaluation templates according to the invention are common templates for evaluating acts performed by a member in his or her work, and these acts in the member's work could be the socialization process, externalization process, combination process and internalization process. The evaluation templates of the invention enable it to evaluate how much the member has practiced these processes at work (see lines 3-19 on page 3 and line 22 on page 7-line 29 on page 8 of the Application). It is further pointed out that four evaluation

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templates disclosed in the reference merely correspond to only the tacit knowledge expression templates (12; Fig. 2) using in the externalization process as disclosed in the application (see lines 1-14 on page 9).

As the reference fails to teach the recited limitations, the claims are patentable thereover. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051 (Fed. Cir. 1987) ("a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim" is found in the cited prior art reference).

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. **The fee of \$1020.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.**


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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.


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